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EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Eighth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church was held in the Chapel of the Collegiate Church, corner of 5th Avenue and 48th Street, Tuesday, May 9th, at 11 o'clock.

The day was like a pearl upon the brow of Spring, and at the hour announced the ample room was thronged by members of the various Auxiliaries and their friends.

There was a gratifying representation of pastors, whose presence was an assurance of their sympathy with and confidence in the Board.

Mrs. Jonathan Sturges presided, assisted by the Rev. Dr. W. J. R. Taylor.

The exercises were begun by the singing of the 723d Hymn.

After prayer, by the Rev. M. L. Haines, and reading of the 45th Psalm, by the Rev. Dr. J. A. Todd, the Annual Report was read by the Rev. Dr. W. H. Gleason.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the Rev. Dr. Coe.

The 734th Hymn was sung. The Rev. Dr. Ferris moved the adoption and publication of the Reports, which he said were rich in encouragement to every Christian heart.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was read by the Rev. I. P. Brokaw; and the Managers, whose names were submitted, were unanimously elected.

The Rev. Dr. John Talmage gave an eloquent address, descriptive of missionary work among the Chinese.

Mr. Moto Ohgimi, a native of Japan, now a student at Rutgers

College, read an able paper, setting forth the needs of the higher education under Christian influences for the Empire of the Rising Sun.

The 712th Hymn was sung. The Rev. Dr. Van Cleef made a beautiful and impressive closing address.

After the Doxology, Rev. Dr. Ferris pronounced the benediction.

A collation, provided by the Managers, was served in the Sunday-School Room, and an hour was pleasantly spent in social intercourse before the assembly dispersed.

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AT this beautiful season of the year, when nature is busy re-clothing the trees with green, her way of working is so gradual, that it is only when we return to some familiar spot after a few weeks' absence that we can realize the change. The brown twigs and hard buds that we left are gone, and the tree is a waving mass of green.

And as slow of growth, doubtless, does the work of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions appear to those who from year to year study its Annual Reports. Yet it is only necessary to go back to our first report, issued just seven years ago, to make us exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" At that time, nineteen societies were auxiliary to us, and their contributions amounted to \$2,891.15. Since then we have raised *fifty thousand dollars*, and our Auxiliaries have grown in number to *one hundred and twenty-nine*.

HOME WORK.

At the beginning of the year, finding it impossible to contribute to "The Sower" with any regularity, we determined that whenever

our Missionaries sent letters for publication, we would issue them in the form of Leaflets and distribute them to our Auxiliaries. Two have already been sent out, and another is now ready. We hope that these may in time grow into a paper that will pay for itself. We frequently hear it said that in order to keep up the interest of our people in Foreign Missions, it is necessary for them to hear directly from their beneficiaries. But as our Auxiliaries increase in number much more rapidly than our corps of Missionaries, it seems scarcely fair to ask these latter to correspond with each society, although it is quite possible for them to write something which may be published as a Leaflet, and of which all may have the benefit.

The ladies appointed by our Board to organize new Missionary Societies in their respective Classes, have met with varied success. We trust that they will not feel that their work is done until every Church has its band of women praying and laboring with us for the extension of Christ's kingdom. That their efforts have met with some success, is evident from the fact that twenty societies have been formed during the year.

The report of our Treasurer is very encouraging, as it shows the largest amount ever received during one year—\$10,769.20. We are however sorry to note the growing desire among our members to give only for specified objects. It is plain that one part of mission work cannot be left to suffer, while another has more than enough, and we earnestly hope that a portion at least of every remittance to our Treasurer will be left unappropriated, so that it may be distributed by the Board where most needed. Our money has, as usual, been paid over to Synod's Board for the support of the Girls' Schools in India, China, and Japan, and for the general use of the Missions. A somewhat large balance still remains in the Treasurer's hands; as nine hundred dollars have been reserved to put up a small building on Kolongsu, China, where *women* can be taught to read the Bible. During the rainy season, when women cannot work out of doors, they have come to Mrs. Talmage, from the surrounding

country, asking to be taught, and it has been found impracticable to let them live at the Girls' Boarding School, as they cannot be brought under the same discipline. These women return to their native villages and teach others what they have learned. This may be called a Normal Class for Bible Women, as from among the learners the most promising can be selected and specially trained for this purpose.

FOREIGN WORK.

The reports from the different Seminaries for girls, are as follows: "When Miss Mandeville, on account of poor health, left India in December, 1880, the CHITTOOR SEMINARY was closed. With the exception of a few homeless orphans who found refuge with the Mission in Vellore, the pupils were all sent home to their parents. After the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Conklin, it became practicable to reopen the school; and at the semi-annual meeting of the Mission, in July, it was resolved that the Arcot Seminary be transferred to Chittoor, and that the Female Seminary be reopened and located in Vellore. Circumstances, however, prevented the reorganization until quite late in the year. Consequently little has been done, and there is but little to report. We are glad to say that the institution is now in full operation, and we trust that its record in the current year will prove that its temporary suspension has been productive of no evil consequences. Mrs. Scudder has charge of the pupils and is assisted by the matron, Mrs. Holman, who lives in the seminary building, and has the boarders always under her eye.

"The two HINDU GIRLS' SCHOOLS have been kept open during the year, and both of them have done well. The number on the roll in each school exceeds one hundred. Mr and Mrs. Scudder visit and teach in them daily, and Dr. Scudder manages to drop into the one or the other almost every day. These schools form one of the most interesting features of the work, and show that prejudice against female education is steadily retreating into the background. In the month of April, the girls of both schools, richly dressed and

sparkling with jewels, met together for the distribution of prizes. The sight, beautiful and charming in itself, was also a very cheering one to those who, in the early part of their missionary work, twenty-five years ago, never so much as dreamed that such a spectacle would greet their eyes in India. There were present on this occasion many of the better class of natives, several European ladies and gentlemen, and, what was quite a novelty, a goodly number of the mothers and other female relatives of the pupils, who watched the—to them—strange proceedings with beaming faces and glistening eyes. The Governmental examinations at the close of the year were well sustained."

From the GIRLS' SCHOOL ON KOLONGSU, CHINA, Mrs. L. W. Kip writes: "The last report of our school was sent by Miss M. E. Talmage, who soon after left for a visit to the United States, leaving the school in my care. About the same time Pastor Iap's daughter, Ma-tai, was obliged, through failing health, to resign her position as teacher, and you have already heard of her death, which took place in July. It was a great loss to the school to be deprived of two such valuable teachers at the same time, and it has been impossible to fully supply their places. For a short time we had a former pupil to teach, but family circumstances obliged her soon to leave. She was succeeded by another former pupil, who is assisted in teaching the older girls by her husband, a tutor of the Theological Seminary.

"We began the year with nearly forty scholars; but for various reasons a number have been obliged to leave, so our average attendance has been about thirty. Of these, nearly a dozen come from our country stations, and we hope that they may be the means of doing much good when they return to their homes. The studies have been the same as last year. The mornings are given to colloquial and Bible studies, and the afternoons to the Chinese character. The Bible is the principal text-book. They have lessons on the historical parts, and learn a Scripture catechism, and some of the older girls are studying the Heidelberg Catechism and learning the proof texts.

They also study geography, arithmetic, and writing, and there is an attempt made to teach them to sing; but that is a difficult task. They are all fond of what they suppose is singing; but to our ears the sounds are anything but musical, owing to their mistake in supposing that noise is music and the impossibility of teaching them to sing the semi-tones correctly.

"The small organ sent by some kind friends at home, is, however, a great help in teaching them, and with the instrument their singing sounds much better than alone. The blind girl, Lam a, is very fond of music, and as she has so few sources of enjoyment, I thought it would be a good thing to teach her to play. It is slow work, but she is much pleased at learning.

"Bio-a, one of our oldest girls, left in May to be married, and two others, Su-bun and Sun-béng, have been recently married. Two others are engaged, and we shall probably lose them before long, for as soon as a Chinese girl gets to be seventeen or eighteen years old, and even before, her friends think it necessary to make arrangements for her marriage. We have one young married woman in school, the wife of Po-tek, the school-teacher at Chiang-chiu. As she is very young, we think that a year or two in school will be a great advantage to her, besides making her more useful to the women at any place where she may be with her husband.

"There have been three cases of serious illness among the girls, but we are thankful to have no deaths to report. One of the three has not been able to resume her studies, and poor health has obliged several others to leave school.

"Several of the girls have attended inquiry meetings during the past year, but only one has been received into the Church. I wish I could report greater spiritual progress; but while many have a very good head-knowledge of religious truth, their hearts seem cold and unmoved. We can only pray that the Holy Spirit may be given to quicken their cold hearts."

Miss L. H. Winn writes from the "FERRIS SEMINARY," YOKOHAMA, JAPAN: "We have to report for the year now ended very little

that is new in connection with the work carried on in Ferris Seminary. The only changes that have taken place have been in the way of scholars leaving and others taking their places, though the number has averaged the same, thirty in all. Although it is with regret that we part with pupils who have been for some time under our care, yet when they leave us, to enter upon fields of usefulness for which their time spent here is but a training, we can have no reluctance in giving them up, for this we feel to be the aim of the institution.

"Since our last report, one young lady, who has been connected with the school for years, has been married to the pastor of the native Church in this place. She is entirely fitted for the position she now fills, and is doing great good in it. One of our teachers who has also been a pupil, taking such studies as she chose, has gone to her home and will return to us only to be married. She also marries a Christian, a pastor of one of the Tokio Churches. Another young lady, who has been with us some four years, has just left to be married to an elder in one of the Tokio Churches. She is a girl of fine Christian character, and will be in a position to exert a good influence. Another of our old pupils has gone to Nagasaki, at her own request, to engage in work among the women of that place, and reports of her success are constantly coming to us.

"The work carried on by the pupils, outside of the school, consists at present of two Sunday-schools, both of which are interesting and well attended, one numbering some fifty scholars.

"The religious instruction of the school is, as formerly, Bible class of an hour in the morning and devotional exercises in the evening. The daily prayer-meetings are conducted as heretofore by the pupils themselves; the school being divided into two parts, the one consisting of the older scholars, and the other of the younger ones. The whole school is required to attend divine service once on Sunday—in the morning—and those who wish attend service in the evening also. Sunday-school is conducted in the Seminary, on

Sunday afternoon, and the pupils are all required to attend. The weekly prayer-meeting has been carried on through the year, alternately, at the American Mission House and this place.

"In reviewing the work of the year, we can but feel that there has been much to encourage, notwithstanding the many discouragements that necessarily arise in work of this kind. Although we have sadly needed help in the carrying on of the school, the work requiring at least three persons to conduct it properly, yet we feel that the school has held the place it has made for itself in past years, and we hope for greater things for it in the future.

"Now, as we are about to enter upon another year of work, Miss Witbeck is obliged to return to America for rest and change, and Mr and Mrs. Booth have come to us from Nagasaki, Mr. Booth's health being such as to demand a complete change of scene and labor." The report ends here, but we feel constrained to add that later letters speak so warmly of the invaluable aid which Mr. Booth has given to the Seminary in attending to repairs and other business requiring a man's assistance, that, while regretting his ill health, we feel that a special Providence has placed him in his present position.

PRESENT NEEDS.

The marked success attending the work of female medical missionaries, in Foochow and other cities in China, leads Mrs. Talmage to plead most earnestly that one be sent to Amoy. Another teacher is also needed for Ferris Seminary, as Miss Witbeck is now in this country.

How shall we answer these calls? Can we women, who depend so much on our skillful and kind physicians, refuse the same comfort to the neglected women of China? Can we see the Ferris Seminary, of which we have so long and so justly been proud, suffer for want of a teacher?

But to enlarge our work means to increase our contributions, and perhaps we think that we have given back as much to the Lord

as He can require of us. Let all who feel thus, remember what some one has wisely said, "Our liberality is not measured by what we give, but by *what remains to us after the gift.*"

CHARLOTTE W. DURYEE,

Foreign Corresponding Secretary.

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OF THE

HOME CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

For the year ending April 30th, 1882.

DURING the fiscal year which has just closed, the local work for Foreign Missions, as conducted by the Woman's Board of the Reformed Church, through its steadily increasing friends and co-laborers and well organized effort, has gone steadily forward.

A Christian minister says: 'Let no one fear the separate organizations of women. Inspiration, sketching the future triumph of the Church, says, *'and their wives apart.'*—The kingdom of heaven is likened unto leaven, which a *woman* took and hid in three measures (three continents) of meal, till the whole was leavened." "It is the duty of Christian women to promote a missionary spirit in the family, in the Church, and in society. The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions; denial of self for the salvation of others, this should be the passion of the Christian's life. This also is woman's high prerogative and blessed privilege. The Woman's Boards of Missions now organized in all Christian lands, and among all evangelical denominations, furnish information, collect funds, and send forth laborers. Is not this the unfolding of an agency plainly indispensable to the progress of the Gospel?"

But although faithful, self-denying work has been done to sustain our missions, there is still a large field, as yet unoccupied, waiting for laborers. We ask practically in the spring-time—in the

seed-sowing—What shall the harvest be? We know what we reap depends upon what we sow, and how forcibly this truth applies to our mission work!

We inquire, as we enter upon a new year of privilege: Are there not many more who will put in seed for the mission harvest the coming season—many more, who will give of their means as God has prospered them, to sustain those who are willing to leave home and kindred, for a foreign land with the glad tidings of the cross—many more, who will offer the earnest petition that the Lord of the Harvest will send forth laborers into His Kingdom, and then *consecrate themselves* to this, His work, who died that we might live, and who has commanded that His Gospel be preached to every creature?

Let us ask ourselves the serious question, Do we sincerely desire that the conversion of the world to Christ shall be accomplished, and are we doing all in our power to promote that end?

The result of the year's labors shows an increase in sympathy and practical aid from the organization of twenty societies auxiliary to our Board.

Our space will not permit us to give the reports in full; though each one presents some peculiarly interesting feature in general, the details of work are much the same.

In the following Churches auxiliaries have been formed:

SPRING VALLEY, N. Y.,	SHOKAN, N. Y.,
ZEELAND, Mich.,	IRVING PARK, Ill.,
PATTERSONVILLE, N. Y.,	LEEDS, N. Y.,
NEW UTRECHT, L. I.,	CHATHAM, N. Y.,
GREENPOINT, L. I.,	NASSAU, N. Y.,
COLTS NECK, N. J.,	STUYVESANT FALLS, N. Y.,
POUGHKEEPSIE, FIRST, R. C.,	POUGHKEEPSIE, SECOND, R. C.
MOUNT VERNON, N. Y.,	FAIRFIELD, N. J.
PLAINFIELD, N. J.,	SCHRAALENBERGH, N. J.,
BRINCKERHOFF MISSION BAND, Fishkill Village,	
EAST GREENBUSH MISSION BAND.	

We have now 129 societies engaged in Foreign Mission work, and auxiliary to the Woman's Board, throughout our denomination.

Classical Visitation.—The ladies who were appointed a committee to visit or correspond with the Churches in their several classes, with a view to meeting the ladies and forming auxiliary societies, have from time to time reported progress made in this work.

The Board feels assured that the Churches in our denomination have been visited, where this was possible, or the Pastors addressed in writing, on the subject. Some of these reports have been exceedingly gratifying, showing an interest in missions and a love for our work. We have reason to believe that the number of auxiliaries organized during the year has been increased by this means.

From some of the Churches reasons were received why societies could not satisfactorily be formed for the present; in others, encouragement was given that the subject would be considered in the near future, when they would become co-laborers with us, and rejoicing with us at the progress attained by the Divine blessing, since the first appeal was sent forth in faith and prayer, for the aid and hearty co-operation of the congregations in the communion of our Church.

Report of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Church of Owasco Outlet, from April, 1881, to April, 1882, and of Classical Visitation in the Classis of Cayuga.

This, the eleventh year of our Church Missionary Society, has been signalized by some advance in our work at home. Contributions to our Treasury have been made at the solicitation of members of the Society, in addition to what has been collected by means of the Family Missionary boxes.

We have made an effort to awaken in several of the Churches in our Classis, where no organized Missionary Society existed, an interest in the cause of Missions, and have endeavored to stimulate the zeal of our sisters in remote parts of our Classis in the good work. Regarding the *Classis* as in some sense a *family* institution, we have entered upon the duty assigned us by the Woman's Board, and have made ourselves in some measure acquainted with

the work done by the women of the Churches in our connection. Our Pastor and his wife, and one delegate from our Church, attended the fall meeting of Classis, held, at Alexandria Bay, in September, 1881. A ladies' meeting was held at the same time with the meeting of Classis in a place provided by the kindness of a resident at Alexandria Bay. The honored Secretary of the Board of Home Missions was present at that meeting, and it was hoped that two new societies would be organized in the Classis of Cayuga. We are now looking forward to a Ladies' Missionary meeting, at the time of the meeting of Classis in September, at Owasco. Our proposition is, to hold the meeting on the day of the convening of Classis, at some suitable place, and to occupy the morning with reports of the Missionary Societies of the Churches connected with this Classis; at noon to have a collation, to which all in attendance at the meeting be invited. In the afternoon, a meeting to be held at which addresses will be made and papers read, prepared for the occasion, on the several missions of our Church, in China, India, and Japan, and also a view of the work in our own land. In the evening, it is hoped that a general missionary meeting will be held, conducted by Classis.

Thus we hope to cultivate a family feeling among the Churches united in our Classis; and as from year to year the Annual Missionary Meeting may be held, we believe that the hearts of those who desire to promote the great work of the Christian Church, "To teach all Nations, preaching the Gospel to every creature," will be encouraged, as the great Apostle to the Gentiles was, when he met the brethren at Apii-Forum."

NEW AUXILIARIES.

First Annual Report of the Woman's Christian Association of the Reformed Church, Spring Valley, N. Y., for the year ending March 22d, 1882.

On the 1st of February last, the ladies of our Church organized the above-named Society, which consists of a Foreign and Domestic Department. Its Foreign Department is auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, and has for its object the spread of the Gospel, with its enlightening and sanctifying influences, among the women and children of heathen lands. . . . As it is the purpose of this Society to conform the

time of its operations to that of the Woman's Board, we have been compelled, in consequence of its very recent organization, to crowd a year's action into the space of a few months. We hope and expect to proceed in the years to come, with the deliberation and thoroughness which are usually essential to success in any enterprise. Since our organization, we have held four meetings. We have divided our congregation into ten districts, and have assigned two or more Visitors to each district. Notwithstanding the short time which has elapsed since our organization, each of the districts has been canvassed by the Visitors, and an encouraging degree of interest has been manifested in behalf of our infant Society. The amount of money contributed, although not what we hope for in the future, is yet considered by us a promising beginning in these early days of our organized efforts. We are specially encouraged in this first canvass of our field, by finding instances in which the Lord's poor manifest the same spirit which prompted the widow, in the time of our Saviour's sojourn upon earth, to cast her two mites into the treasury. About 130 families have been called upon by the Visitors; and everywhere within the sphere of their operations they have endeavored to spread information and excite a proper interest in the cause of Foreign Missions. We have a membership of 20 in our Foreign Department. The "Spirit of Missions" always occupies a prominent place in the affections of every living Church; or rather it may be said that one of the surest indications of life in a Church is the fact that it is pervaded by the "Spirit of Missions." The Reformed Church in America has always stood in the front rank among those who aim to obey the last command of our ascending Lord: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The progress of her Foreign Mission work, particularly within the last twenty-five years, during which she has labored within her own denominational organization, has been very encouraging and cheering to the hearts of her members. But while our Missionary brethren have labored year after year in the dark places of the earth, and have been made glad by seeing hundreds and thousands of the heathen forsake the dumb idols of wood and stone which their own hands had made, and turn to the one true and living God, they have been more and more impressed with the fact that millions of women and children, who were living within the shadow of eternal death, could not be reached by *their* efforts, but must be rescued by the outstretched hands of their *sisters* in Christian lands. Not only is it

a fact that, in all heathen countries, the sphere of woman is a very inferior and degraded one, but it is likewise true that, in all those countries, she is, by law and custom, *shut in* beyond the reach of outside influence or instruction. This fact, so transcendently important, has been recognized by our Reformed Church; and she is now laboring, through the efficient agency of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, to meet this special need by a special supply adequate to the demand. Women with trained intellects and consecrated hearts are being sent out to the different Foreign Mission fields of our Church. *There* they are gaining access to the heathen women in their homes, and not only to the *women*, but also to the children; thus getting the opportunity of sowing the seed of Gospel truth where it is most likely to spring up and bear abundant fruit to the glory of God in the salvation of souls. As an Auxiliary of the Woman's Board, we have the privilege and honor of co-operating with them in this great and good cause. Let us, as an organized Society, endeavor to prove the sincerity of our desires and prayers for the speedy accomplishment of the promise, that "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea," by our hearty and persevering efforts to convey, to every family within our bounds, a thorough knowledge of the nature and wants of the different Foreign Mission fields under the care of our Reformed Church; and also by inciting them to earnest prayer, and to the liberal giving of the means which God has intrusted to them, towards sending the written Word and the living preacher to those who are perishing for lack of knowledge.

Poughkeepsie First Reformed Church.—A regularly organized Auxiliary exists in this Church, with twenty-three members. Monthly meetings are sustained, and each member contributes as convenient. The plan is to undertake the education of two girls in Dr. Chamberlain's school at Madanapalle, India. The proceeds of some work performed has materially helped the contributions.

Poughkeepsie Second Reformed Church.—At the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Second Reformed Church held in January last, it resolved itself into an Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church. The first fruits have been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board.

New Utrecht Reformed Church.—This auxiliary, organized in October, 1881, with twenty-one members, now increased to twenty-two. The subscription fee is placed at one dollar. At the January meeting, the Misses Talmage were present, and contributed largely to the general interest by relating some of their experience during a residence of seven years in China. At the last meeting, held in April, it was decided to devote a part of the receipts to the Arcot Mission and the balance to the general fund of the Woman's Board. Both pastor and wife are in earnest sympathy with the work, and do all in their power to make it successful.

Shokan Reformed Church.—Monthly meetings have been held by this auxiliary. These meetings, begun under happy auspices, have developed into a spirit of earnest prayer. At one meeting it was suggested that every member kneel and offer prayer. "The Spirit's presence was evidently there, and the place truly a Bethel." At a subsequent meeting, a congratulatory letter from Caatsban was read, and one from the Woman's Board, containing some interesting facts in relation to a converted Brahmin and his family in India, setting forth the power of divine truth in changing the whole life, in leading them to search the Scriptures daily, and converse about the way of life.

The "Manual of Missions" was received by this Society, of which the secretary writes in words of commendation, and with the intention to have a portion of it read at each meeting.

In connection with the work of this auxiliary, a few ladies, four in number, from the Reformed Church at Shandaken, have made monthly contributions a portion of the year to our Board, through the suggestion of the pastor's wife in the Church at Shokan. The membership now numbers fifty. The contributions are for the general use of the Woman's Board.

Leeds Reformed Church, N. Y.—From this auxiliary we learn that the ladies organized a Society through the influence of the Committee on Classical Visitation for the Classis of Greene. The first meeting was held on January 19th, and was full of interest. The Lord has blessed these efforts for Him, and the work is going forward. The annual subscription fee is placed at fifty cents, though the hope and expectation is, that those of means will not be guided

by this sum, but give according as the Lord has blessed them, while, at the same time, the prayer will accompany the gift. The secretary writes: "We thank Him for a beginning, and we can fully trust Him for a strong and healthy development in the years to come." The funds are for general purposes.

Nassau Reformed Church, N. Y.—This auxiliary was organized November 7th. The plan is, "that any lady, by the payment of any fixed sum, may be a member;" "that the meetings are held the first Friday in every month;" "that a number of young ladies have been appointed collectors in as many different districts." "Cannot tell the number of members; they are so scattered, and it is not fully decided to what object the money raised shall be given." The pastor writes that there seems to be great interest in the matter on the part of some, which he hopes will prove contagious.

Mount Vernon Reformed Church, N. Y.—At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Home Missionary Society in this Church, a resolution was passed to transform the Association into a Ladies' Missionary Society, with the intention of working also in the foreign field, and with the desire to become auxiliary to the Woman's Board. The first meeting is to be held the first Thursday in May. We shall hope to report more definitely of this Society, at a future time, of its prosperity and success.

Fairfield Reformed Church, N. J.—The Fairfield Auxiliary organized on the 16th of December, and has now seventy-two members. The meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month. The membership fee was fixed at ten cents, and each member required to pay not less than one cent per week and as much more as they feel disposed to contribute. The secretary says, "We trust, as the months roll on, that we may grow in strength and numbers, and that God will bless the Fairfield Auxiliary and all the other Missionary Societies."

Schraalenbergh Reformed Church.—The secretary of this Society writes: "The ladies of this Church have formed a Society auxiliary to the Woman's Board. It has met with great favor, and our pastor is in hearty sympathy with the work, and does all in his power to aid our undertaking. The meetings are held monthly, and the member-

ship has increased to fifty-nine. Each member pays a subscription of one dollar and twenty cents a year, or ten cents per month. The "Manual of Missions" is read with interest, and sincere thanks expressed for the copy presented to the Society by Mrs. Sturges. The meetings are held monthly, and are well attended and interesting.

Irving Park Reformed Church, Ill.—Fifteen young girls organized a Society, calling themselves the "Merry Mission Band," under the leadership of a Sabbath-school teacher. It was agreed to meet weekly and pay five cents at each meeting, a fee of ten cents to be charged for absence without good excuse. These young girls brought work and prepared for a sale of these articles to be made, which was finally accomplished, and the result exceeded the amount they had in view for the support of a pulpit in the Amoy Mission. A very pleasant letter was received from this Society, wishing us success in our work.

Greenpoint Reformed Church, N. Y.—An Association was organized in this Church for the purpose of more effectually carrying forward the benevolent work of the Church, with a "three-fold object," one of which was, "the increase of interest in the work of Foreign Missions, and the aiding pecuniarily of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of our own Church." The pastor "desired that all the members of his congregation should be engaged in this good work, earnestly asking the co-operation of all, and their willingness to become a member of the Association, by contributing regularly to its treasury such sum of money as they might choose." The foreign branch of this work became auxiliary to the Woman's Board, and the Society has decided, through the suggestion of the Rev. Mr. Kip, of Amoy, to support a girl named *Zim* in that mission. The auxiliary is in a prosperous condition.

Stuyvesant Falls Reformed Church, N. Y.—In December a letter informed us that the ladies of this Church had organized an auxiliary to the Woman's Board, and called themselves the "Willing Workers." The president of the Society organized a Society in Pella, Iowa, a few years since, and the secretary writes that this new movement "is entirely due to her efforts," and "if this Society does not succeed it will not be her fault." Each family is provided with a missionary box, and it is hoped that some good may be accom-

plished in the cause of missions. A later report speaks very encouragingly of the progress that has been made. There seems to be an increasing desire for missionary intelligence, and of subscribers for the paper containing letters and news from our mission fields.

Chatham Reformed Church, N. Y.—From this Society we learn that the first regular meeting of the auxiliary was held April 6th, 1882. The constitution suggested by the Woman's Board was adopted, and the meetings are to be held the first Thursday in every month. The membership fee is placed at sixty cents annually. The membership is now sixty. The "Manual of Missions" has been received, and the secretary writes: "Please accept thanks for tokens of interest in our well-being, and please return thanks to the president of the Woman's Board in our name." The writer says: "We sincerely trust that the earnestness with which we hope to carry on the good work now fairly begun, may cause you no disappointment in the future." To those of us who know a Saviour's love, there should be no hesitancy in obeying the Divine command.

Colts Neck Reformed Church, N. J.—The report of the organization of this auxiliary states that for a long time there has been a desire on the part of some to more thoroughly interest the people in the work of giving to others the "bread of life." As a means towards this end, came the desire for an auxiliary. This desire culminated on the 6th of April, in the organization of the Colts Neck Reformed Church, auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. The membership fee was fixed at fifty cents, as a minimum, with the suggestion that those desirous and able, make it two, three, or four times this amount per annum. We believe that while trying to do something for our fellow-beings in those darkened lands, and to follow the command of Him who said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," be it in ever so humble a way, we ourselves shall be blessed above that we are able to ask or think, and we pray earnestly for the success of this work among our sisters in those benighted lands. Monthly meetings are held, and articles on missionary topics read by the ladies.

Pattersonville Reformed Church, N. Y.—The "First Rotterdam" Church formed an auxiliary through the influence of the ladies who were appointed a committee for Classical Visitation in this Classis.

The secretary writes that the committee met with the ladies, and gave them much practical information respecting the work of organizing an auxiliary. Officers were elected, the Church canvassed, and the membership fee placed at twenty-five cents, with the request for additional contributions according to the ability and disposition of the members. The society desired missionary boxes, which were forwarded to them. The secretary writes that though the auxiliary is small and scattered, they hope to aid so noble a work as that of Foreign Missions. The membership is now forty-one, and the receipts far exceed their most sanguine expectations. The Society earnestly recommend the use of missionary boxes, as being a valuable aid in systematic giving to the Lord's work. The contributions are for the general work of the Woman's Board.

Zeeland Reformed Church, Mich.—The ladies of this Church formed an "Auxiliary and Mission Band," with the expressed "desire to do something towards the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom among women in heathen lands." The secretary writes, that "in order to sustain interest in Foreign Missions, it will be necessary to read missionary intelligence at the meeting," and asks for information regarding the Woman's Board and its work. In a recent letter the pastor's wife writes: "The Reports and 'Manual of Missions' we have received, for which we beg you to accept our most hearty thanks." "We have now all the information needed. It remains for us to make a good use of it." "We considered it a great privilege to be allowed to serve the Lord Jesus. We believe that His kingdom will continue to extend till it shall fill the whole world, and our desire is that we may be enabled to be 'steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.'" The Society of Elderly Women meets monthly, and numbers twenty-eight. The collections are taken at the close of each meeting. The Circle of Young Women numbers fourteen, and meets weekly. This Band is doing very efficient work for the cause.

New York Collegiate Reformed Church, Fifth Avenue and Forty-eighth Street.—This auxiliary is not only living, but growing. Several returned missionaries have been present at the meetings during the winter, from which the ladies have derived much information and encouragement. The membership has now reached eighty-five, and their subscriptions, amounting to five hundred and

uinity-six dollars and fifty cents, have, after defraying the expenses of the school, at Madanapalle, India, left a handsome sum for the general purposes of the Board.

New York Middle Collegiate Church.—"Auxiliary of the Woman's Board report that they have maintained their position during the year without any events specially to record. The treasury is about in its usual condition. It is hoped that the amount annually paid, heretofore, will also be ready this year. Several meetings been held during the year; at one of which we were favored with the presence of Miss Talmage, of our own Amoy Mission."

New York Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street.—The quarterly meetings of this Society have been well sustained. The subscriptions show an increase over the amount of the previous year, notwithstanding some removals to the Forty-eighth Street Church, has necessitated a transfer of subscriptions also. A meeting of unusual interest was held in February, when the Rev. Dr. Talmage, of Amoy, and his daughters, met with the Society, and gave them a delightful talk upon their special work among the women of China. A happy influence has resulted from the visit, and the trust is expressed that the seeds of sympathy sown by these self sacrificing friends may arouse the members into greater earnestness in behalf of the salvation of our degraded sex in heathen lands, with the prayer and hope that countless blessings may result from the modest efforts of this auxiliary society.

New York Sixth Avenue Reformed Church.—The secretary presents the Sixth Annual Report of the Ferris Auxiliary. During these six years their interest has greatly increased in missions and missionaries, particularly in the various fields where their contributions have been sent. Twice during the past year the Society has been addressed by persons willing to aid in the work of missions. The Rev. Dr. Ferris gave the members much encouragement at their anniversary from the statistics recently received. He also presented the needs of the hour. In June Mrs. Chandler was with the ladies, and told, in her own graphic manner, of her travels round the world, when she saw for herself the ignorance and degradation of the heathen nations and their longing for peace. One man in Japan

had worshipped at one hundred shrines, seeking peace. On hearing a missionary give the Gospel invitation, "Come unto me and I will give you rest," said, "*That* is what I have been seeking, for years." He listened and gave his heart to Christ. Then, and not till then, did she feel the need of woman's voice, and woman's pen being used for her down-trodden sisters in foreign lands. The little girl in India, supported by the "Mission Band," was married in February last, and has left the Chittoor Lem. Great interest has been felt in this beneficiary, and the hope is expressed that the instruction received will be lasting. "My word shall not return unto me void," saith the Lord. Letters were received from Mrs. Booth, in Nagasaki, and from Dr. Chamberlain, containing earnest, cheering words. The prayers and sympathy of the Society followed him in his enforced absence from his life-work on account of ill health. The usual number of meetings have been held and of marked interest; the members contributing intelligence of some one or other of the countries where we have mission stations.

Jersey City Second Reformed Church.—This Society has held regular quarterly meetings during the year, with about the usual average attendance. With regret the secretary reports that the "love of some waxes cold," as is evidenced by a perceptible falling off in the receipts.

But in contrast, the Society rejoices to announce that the support of a new scholar, Séng-a, has been assumed, making the third beneficiary in Miss Talmage's school under the care of this auxiliary.

The "Farrington Circle" has increased both in members and contributions, and the children manifest a growing interest in the work. At the November meeting the Society was favored with the presence of Mrs. Talmage, and, at the anniversary in April, the Misses Talmage won all hearts, and delighted them with their sprightly accounts of their work and experience. The secretary adds: "We hope the ladies will come to the front with love in the heart, prayers upon the lips, bearing gifts for their despairing and degraded sisters in heathen lands; that the watch-word may be 'Onward,' and there shall be no retreat until these suffering ones shall take their stand among the noble women of the earth, leading pure and useful lives, rejoicing in the redeeming love of Christ."

Jersey City, Bergen Avenue, R. C.—Regular quarterly meetings have been held and well attended in this auxiliary as usual. At the January meeting, the Misses Talmage, from China, gave the ladies an interesting account of mission work in that empire. The receipts for the year show that the interest in Foreign Missions is undiminished in this Society. There has been no change in the distribution of the funds, and the work carried on steadily and faithfully.

Montville Reformed Church, N. J.—This auxiliary has now been in operation eighteen months. Since its organization, regular monthly meetings have been sustained. The membership numbered one hundred and twenty-five at the close of the year. Addresses have been delivered to the Society by Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, of China, and by Mrs. L. B. Dodd, for seventeen years missionary in Turkey. The Society has developed an unexpected missionary spirit among the people.

Flatbush Reformed Church, L. I.—This auxiliary was one of the first to organize after the formation of the Woman's Board in the year 1874. The fee for membership was placed at one dollar. Although the meetings have not been frequent, the subscriptions have been liberal, and have been regularly collected every year, and transmitted to the Woman's Board. The endeavor has been made to secure at each meeting the presence of some lady from the foreign field, that all might become personally interested in the work. At the last meeting the Misses Talmage, of Amoy, China, were present, and gave a very interesting account of their work at Kolongsu.

South Brooklyn Reformed Church.—The regular quarterly meetings of this auxiliary are not largely attended, but the members are faithful and continue to pray for God's blessing on the work. As is usual in a suburb of a large city, the membership is constantly changing. The Society endeavors to supply the place of those moving away by adding the names of new members.

The Hope Mission Band, with auxiliary report beginning with a few members, raised the first year enough to support a Bible Reader. This year the Band has been transplanted to the Sunday-school, and it is hoped thus to reach a larger number and interest the children, even the youngest, in mission work. They have received a letter

from Mr. Samuel Isaiah, the Bible Reader. It was read in the school and the children then began to realize that they were doing something, and have since shown a lively interest in this work.

Newark, Clinton Avenue Reformed Church.—Fifth Annual Report of the Ladies' Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Woman's Board.—"A year of opportunity and responsibility in mission work has passed since our last report was given. While we have not had the usual number of meetings during the past year, the missionary spirit has been manifested in other ways. The ladies of the Church and Sabbath-school have been particularly interested in mission work in India, under the care of the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Conklin. Letters received from them have given thrilling accounts of the need of money and workers, and as a result of this, larger contributions have been made from our Sunday-school than ever before. Heretofore, moneys contributed by this Society have been appropriated to specific objects under the care of the Woman's Board. In future the ladies have decided to send their contributions to that Board to be used for general purposes, wherever it is most needed." In closing this year's record, and looking forward to another, we are encouraged to hope for greater manifest interest in Foreign Mission work, both in giving and working, as we realize more and more that "unto whom much is given, of him will much be required;" and that the promise is, "Your labor shall not be in vain in the Lord."

Catskill Reformed Church.—This auxiliary reports continued interest in mission work, the President taking unusual pains to make the quarterly meetings both instructive and profitable. At every meeting interesting letters have been read from India, Japan, or China. The meetings have been well attended, and the collectors report some new members at almost every meeting. The contributions have been about the same as last year.

Utica Reformed Church.—The work of the past year has, in its financial aspect, fully justified the expectations of this auxiliary. Although the draft upon the resources of the Society has been unusual, owing to the rebuilding of the Church edifice, destroyed by fire, yet the contributions have been well sustained, and the pledges for foreign work faithfully redeemed. Through the regular meetings the Society has been kept well advised of the work abroad—its

progress and needs—and it is hoped that upon the completion of the Church to make the meetings more useful in awakening a spirit of missions, and through them to diffuse more widely a knowledge of the work as now carried on in the foreign field. This auxiliary deeply feels the loss by death of Mrs. Gridley, of whom the secretary writes that she might justly be classed a representative woman in the Church, no less than in the social circle. Largely imbued with the true missionary spirit, she did not fail to give it practical expression, chiefly, however, by founding the Girl's Seminary at Chittoor, India. This institution, established by her bounty, and largely sustained by her munificent gifts, will be her memorial in Christianized India. She was one of the originators of this auxiliary, and gave it her unvarying support. Ever active, faithful to every duty, deeming no personal sacrifice for the advancement of the welfare of the Church, she has left a very precious memory, and "her works do follow her."

Gravesend Reformed Church, L. I.—This auxiliary has held monthly meetings regularly during the year, and although not as largely attended as could be wished, have been instructive through letters and papers of interest on missionary topics. Several excellent speakers have addressed the Society during the year. At the anniversary the Rev. Dr. Talmage, of Amoy, was present and spoke to them of his work in China.

Fishkill Village Reformed Church.—Since the last report the work of this Society has been continued with its usual interest. Monthly meetings have been held, except when the inclemency of the weather prevented, and although the attendance has not been large, they have been very interesting. The number of members and amounts collected are about the same as last reported. The efforts of the Society for the past two years have been directed to India. On application to Dr. Jared Scudder to suggest to the Society some definite object of interest, feeling that this would give more encouragement in the work, he most heartily recommended a young man employed as a native teacher in one of the villages connected with the Vellore Mission. The Society accordingly assumed his support. Letters received from him giving some account of himself and his work has tended to increase the interest in him. His support requires sixty dollars annually. Although the Sabbath School connected with this

Church has made a yearly donation to the Woman's Board, it was not until about a year ago that a Band was organized. It is called the *Brinckerhoff Mission Band*, in memory of Miss Aletta Brinckerhoff, a former beloved and honored president of our Society. The members of the "Band" have entered earnestly upon their work. Besides their regular monthly meetings, they have held frequent gatherings for sewing and fancy work, which has been sold. The amount raised by these faithful workers during the year is nearly seventy dollars. The secretary writes: "In recalling the past of our Society, we find many changes in the membership, and yet the collections have not fallen back, as we have sometimes feared they would. There are some among us who are heartily engaged in the work, and we hope in time to be able to report a wider interest and larger contributions."

Newark First Reformed Church.—The secretary of this auxiliary reports increasing interest. A very pleasant meeting had been held at the parsonage to listen to Dr. Talmage's daughters, and all present seemed to be deeply interested in their delightful talk on missionary topics. The interest is increasing.

The Fonda Reformed Church, N. Y.—The quarterly meetings of this Society have been regularly held, and though the number in attendance is not very large, yet there is a quiet, uniform interest sustained, which is well manifested through the faithful contributions of many friends of the cause. The Society feels encouraged that the collections have increased, and they trust that the future will bring still greater effort and results.

Brooklyn Reformed Church on the Heights, N. Y.—The annual meeting of this auxiliary was held on Wednesday, March 21. The attendance was much larger than last year, and greater interest seemed to be taken in the work of the Society. During the year a new impetus has been given to the members from the warm, earnest interest taken by the pastor in the subject of Foreign Missions. The gifts are for the Ferris Seminary, Yokohama.

Reformed Church, Thirty-fourth Street, New York.—This Society has continued to hold its meetings monthly at the house of some member. The attendance has been very good. At one of the

autumn meetings, letters were read from China, giving account of the work being done there, which was listened to with much interest. The dues are collected at each meeting.

Kingston Second Reformed Church.—This auxiliary still has a hold upon the hearts of some of the faithful ones. The policy from the first has been to educate all to the importance and needs of the work. To this end everything relating to woman's work is carefully distributed and the "Leaflets" are hailed with genuine pleasure. The secretary sums up the work of the year in three words—"Faint, yet pursuing."

Nyack Reformed Church.—Last October the ladies met to decide how to raise money for the year. It was proposed to try missionary mite-boxes. Some were afraid to depend upon them, as the time was so short; but it was finally decided to try that plan and trust for the result. The success has proved very satisfactory.

Upper Red Hook Reformed Church.—The "Scudder Memorial," in sending in its yearly report, states that in addition to the sum contributed by the Society, an amount has been raised by the "Young Ladies' Mission Band" by means of a Fair and "Mission Entertainment," which is added to the sum total. One of the vice-presidents gave thirty dollars for the support of a Bible Reader in the Arcot Mission, and a similar sum is designed by the ladies to meet a pledge given to educate a child in the same mission. This child has been selected by Mrs. Jared Scudder, from whom reports have recently been received favorable of her progress. The membership has not been increased spite of individual effort, but the assurance is given that the faithful few bear the interest of missions at heart. Most truly can this be said of the pastor's wife, from whom the Society constantly receives some sketches of her past life in India, and are incited to greater effort.

Freehold Second Reformed Church.—The secretary writes: "We are quietly but steadily going on with the good work, and realizing the blessedness of reaping even while they and we are sowing. The contributions have come in more readily and more generously this year, thus enabling them to obtain the required amount for their beneficiary with less difficulty than last year. New names have been added

to the roll of membership, and the interest of the meetings has been much increased by having a special object to work for, also by letters received directly from the foreign field. Another letter from Miss Witbeck brings the encouraging news that the aid for the pupil supported by the Society came most opportunely last year, and but for it, she would have been obliged to leave the school." The secretary writes: "Surely one can see God's hand leading us here! Is it not worth the little sacrifices we make to give the means that shall help transform this ignorant heathen girl into an educated Christian woman, thereby vastly increasing her capacity for usefulness among her own people? Rather does it not call for greater sacrifices on our part? We should esteem it an honor to be engaged in this branch of Christian work, and give more freely, not only our money, but also our prayers for the advancement of Christ's kingdom."

Aquackanonk Reformed Church, N. J.—In this Society monthly meetings have been regularly held and well attended—the president endeavoring faithfully to make them interesting. Letters have been received direct from the mission fields, which has done much to encourage the members in this work. Twenty-seven new names have been enrolled this year, making a membership now of sixty-five. At the November meeting the Society had the pleasure of having the Misses Talmage, of Amoy, China, with them. The meeting proved a success and a great stimulus to the work.

Warwick Reformed Church, N. Y.—The past year has been one of encouragement to this Society. The aim was, that the name of every lady in the congregation should be on the roll of membership and interested in missionary work. This has not been accomplished, but the number has been increased from twenty-four to thirty-six. Ten regular meetings have been held, that of June being omitted from the illness of the president, the pastor's wife, whom God called to Himself in the prime of her usefulness, and from a work in which she manifested the deepest interest. At the last annual meeting it was decided to support a girl in the Chittoor Seminary. A growing interest has been manifested for knowledge in missionary work, and the society now subscribe for the *Missionary Herald* and *The Gospel in All Lands*, which are distributed among the members, from which articles are selected for reading at the meetings.

Tarrytown Second Reformed Church.—The interest in the work of missions in this Church continues unabated. The Society has introduced the *Sower and Mission Monthly* into the Church, and hopes for an increase of missionary intelligence. Regular quarterly meetings have been held, with a single exception, which have proved exceedingly interesting and instructive, as the Society has been favored with visits at different times from Mrs. Culbertson, formerly a missionary in China (mother of our Mrs. Kip), Dr. Talmage, his wife, and Miss Mary, Dr. H. N. Cobb, and Rev. Mr. Clark, of Nyack. The auxiliary has also received two very interesting letters from the catechist whom they are supporting in India, and which has tended to give a more personal interest in their work. The society hopes for a still greater increase in this mission work in which they rejoice to be sharers.

Brooklyn, E. D., First Reformed Church.—"This Society respectfully reports that it believes itself to have made substantial progress during the past year. A considerable number of new members have been added, and increasing interest in the work has been manifested by both the Sunday-school and the congregation. Several meetings have been held, and these have been enlivened by readings, narrations, etc., from various members. In the month of January the Society had the pleasure of receiving a visit from the Misses Talmage, who greatly delighted the ladies by their accounts of Chinese manners and customs and of methods of work among the Celestials. The contributions for the year are for the benefit of the girls' school connected with the Arcot Mission."

Coxsackie Second Reformed Church.—The monthly meetings in this auxiliary have been regularly held, and they are to be maintained as long as they can be supported. One of the members received a letter from Miss Witbeck, of the Ferris Seminary, Yokohama, who was her school friend. She also sent a picture of a part of her school and a composition written by one of the scholars. It is hoped that a renewed interest will be manifested in the cause of missions by members of the Society.

Bushnell Reformed Church, Ill.—This auxiliary has been in a very flourishing condition the past year. All the members of the Church and Sunday-school are considered members of the Society,

and contribute to its funds. Regular quarterly meetings have been held and well attended, as well as full of interest and instruction. These meetings are held on Sabbath evening, and take the place of regular service. A collection is taken in the Sunday-school the first Sabbath of each month, and also at the quarterly meetings, when the whole congregation have a chance to contribute. In addition to this work, the pastor conducts monthly concerts of prayer for Foreign Missions.

Schenectady Second Reformed Church.—The past year has been one of quiet interest in this auxiliary. The treasurer reports much larger collections than heretofore. The missionary box system has been introduced, and has added a large amount to the ordinary fees. The president of the Society has taken much pains, and labored faithfully to add to the interest in the cause of missions. Meetings have been regularly held, with one exception, and well sustained.

Flushing Reformed Church, L. I.—An encouraging report comes to us from this auxiliary. The meetings have been held more frequently, on an average once in three weeks, since October 1st. The primary object of the Society was to afford an opportunity for united prayer and work for the Lord's Kingdom, and last year the meetings partook of a spiritual character. The secretary writes that this is most earnestly longed for—a deeper awakening in all hearts. The Misses Talmage spoke to the ladies, at the anniversary of the Society, in the most acceptable manner. All were delighted with their visit and talk on missionary matters, and a warmer interest felt in their work. The "Missionary Leaflets" issued by the Woman's Board, are spoken of as "very good," and "just long enough to read." "The Lord is making a name to Himself among all nations, so hastening His blessed appearing."

Coxsackie First Reformed Church.—Regular monthly meetings have been held by this auxiliary through the year. The membership and contributions have increased, cheering and strengthening the hearts of the faithful in their appeals, prayers, hopes, and sympathies. Truly the harvest field is opening marvellously to women, calling loudly to each worker to bring in her sheaf of consecrated abilities, treasures of gold and silver, and an enlarged faith. For two successive years thank-offerings have been sent by this Society

to Chittoor Seminary, with importunate prayers for God's richest blessings upon the faithful workers and work. We feel that there is no work, more truly a labor of love for the Master, than the training of youth for His service. Upon them will devolve largely the great work of the future in gathering of souls. Already we hear wafted to us their prayers and blessings for the Gospel sent them by the women of America. May it inspire to self-sacrifice and thanksgiving.

Second Holland Reformed Church, Mich.—There have been eighty-nine names on the "Married Woman's Roll," and there is seldom a meeting without some additions. There is a perceptible increase of interest, notwithstanding the difficulties that have agitated the Church, and the monthly meetings have been continued regularly through the year with the kindest feelings existing between the members. Although fearful and anxious sometimes, praying earnestly that "no root of bitterness might spring up" between us, we have returned from our meetings rejoicing. "While we have been watering others, we, ourselves, have been watered." The "Married Woman's Society" had asked for a Bible Reader. By some mistake, a boy in the Chittoor Seminary had been selected in place of a Bible Reader. There may be a providence in it. The "Band of Young Girls" will support him, and we trust it will be the means of increasing both their numbers and interest. The "Young Woman's Society" sent twenty dollars in December to support their beneficiary, *Gun* (pronounced *Goon*), in India. The "Circle" has met monthly for the last year, with the "Band." The writer says, in regard to her work of classical visitation: "I can say nothing about the other Churches in the Classis. I have written to some, and they have given me no encouragement, most of them thinking it is better to work through Synod's Board, as most of them are in scattered country congregations, and it would be very difficult for the women to get together for a meeting. Two Bible Readers will be supported in India, the coming year, by this auxiliary, in addition to the other beneficiaries.

Brooklyn, Twelfth Street Reformed Church.—This auxiliary feels encouraged and thankful as they enter upon their fourth year of mission work. The meetings held have been well sustained, and prosperity attended the efforts put forth in this work. The Church

is united in doing what they can for the support of missions. The funds raised are to be devoted to the support of a native helper in India, as heretofore. The secretary adds: "We enter upon the coming year with renewed interest, trusting alone in Him who has promised that if we cast our bread upon the waters, we shall find it after many days, and with an earnest desire to do with our time and means more in the future than in the past."

Raritan, N. J., Third Reformed Church—The secretary of this auxiliary presents the fifth annual report, with the usual interesting record of work accomplished. The contributions for the year are liberal. Part of it is to be appropriated for the continuance of the Bible Reader, under Mr. Wyckoff, of India, and part for the general work of the Woman's Board. The usual monthly meetings have been regularly held during the year, and the work gone slowly but steadily forward. The secretary writes: "We hope this coming year to try some plan to induce some of the younger part of our congregation to attend the monthly meetings, and so get thoroughly interested in this blessed work of missions. That our membership not only may be increased, but our contributions doubled in the year to come, is the earnest prayer of each member of this Society."

Saugerties Reformed Church, N. Y.—The following is the report of the secretary of this auxiliary: "In March, 1873, nine years ago, the Rev. Dr. Ferris came, as he has kindly come to us again, to tell about the Foreign Missionary work of our own Church. While listening, the ladies' hearts were stirred, and they set themselves with great enthusiasm to form a Ladies' Missionary Society. The result was a membership of one hundred names. The immediate object was, to aid the school in care of Miss Kidder in Japan. But as, with the best-disciplined armies, there are many who fall by the way, so in all combined efforts for work, there are those who, from various causes, cannot endure. Consequently we find the number reduced to less than one-third the following year. After the formation of the Woman's Board of the Reformed Church, the Society was reorganized in Oct., 1875, under the name of the "Saugerties Auxiliary of the Woman's Board." This name and connection it still bears. The sums raised from year to year vary a the membership increases or diminishes. At present the list co

prises about fifty-six names. It would be most gratifying could the anniversary bring back to the Society its first love with a hundred names. Knowing that acquaintance with persons, places, and events quicken sympathy, there is a meeting held the first Wednesday of every month, in order to gain and give information about missions.

Letters are read sometimes, written by missionaries in the field, either to our own, or neighboring Societies. During the year one was sent from a native helper at a small station in India. It gave the pleasing intelligence that thirty children had been baptized, and are now under his religious instruction. This result is of near interest, for, from the annual amount contributed for the last three years, this is the only special appropriation of this Society. As we thus briefly review these years, how small the work seems—how futile—when we place it beside the work proposed, even the bringing of the nations of the earth into the kingdom of our Lord! How shall we again resume, in the opening of the year, as a Society, and as individuals, these attempts, with hope, or courage? Only by remembering whose servants we are, and that we are laborers *together with Him*. The task assigned us is, “faithful in that which is least,” “Go ye into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.” To the great Master belongs the glorious consummation of the wonderful promises of His word. And so, though we are one of the little rills to carry the water of life to perishing millions, we may have our glad share in hastening the coming of that day, “when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the sea as the waters cover the sea.”

Canajoharie Reformed Church.—The secretary makes her second report of the work of this auxiliary with deep thankfulness to Him from whom all good gifts come. Regular quarterly meetings have been sustained, and thorough regret is expressed that the attendance is not larger; those who are present show an interest, and the meetings are usually made very interesting. Fourteen new names have been added to the list of membership, making a total of fifty-six now on the roll. The contributions for the year have been increased, and the Sunday-school has made some gifts of money for the cause. The Society feels encouraged, that while lifting off a Church debt, they are going forward in the cause of missions, hoping to do more both at home and abroad, as the Master of the vineyard shall open the way and give them opportunity.

Schenectady First Reformed Church.—The secretary of this auxiliary, after giving a brief summary of statistics, says that, "in regard to the money contributions and the number of members, we stand about the same as in the past year or two. Though taking up the regular subjects at our monthly meetings on missionary labor in different countries, we are better informed about the actual work going on. There have been too earnest prayers in closet and chapel for the progress of the missionary work abroad. If we have helped only a little to hold up the hands of those patient laborers, while they pray, we shall be glad. It would make us happier to record great progress and renewed zeal in the work; but that we still stand, is well. We will promise for the future all that we can; trusting that He who is mighty will make us strong, and keep alive the spark of our existence, even though the light burn dimly and our own hearts may sometimes fail us."

Astoria Reformed Church, L. I.—The meetings in this auxiliary have been well attended. In December the Society was favored in having Miss Fairweather with them from a Presbyterian mission, who, after having been seven years in India, had come home to prepare herself to return as a medical missionary. She is now taking the course of a trained nurse in the Charity Hospital on Blackwell's Island, and will then study medicine. She talked with the ladies not so much about her work in India, as about the difficulty in dealing with the people, and the necessity of tact and perseverance on the part of the missionaries to maintain their independence and really to influence the people. The pastor spoke to the ladies of the church, urging the importance of an interest in the work of missions by those of the members as yet but little acquainted with it; especially of the reflex influence upon themselves, the widening of their sphere of thought, the extending of their interests, taking them out of the narrow circle of self, and bringing them into sympathy with the "Spirit of Missions."

North Bushwick Reformed Church.—Several new members have been added to this auxiliary the past year, and a growing interest in missions in the Sunday-school is reported. The building for this school having been completed, the teachers have expressed a desire to do something on behalf of missions, and at a recent meeting it was resolved to have a collection taken, four times a year, in behalf

of the Woman's Board. This plan will materially increase the annual contributions. The secretary hopes, for the coming year, that with the additional workers they may labor on with increased zeal and earnestness for the Master's cause in foreign lands, and that their efforts may be blessed both to themselves and to those for whom they work and pray.

Adams Station Reformed Church, N. Y.—The secretary writes as follows: "We would report that we had Mrs. Pruyn, of Albany, with us the last of October, 1881, and on Dec. 1st reorganized our Woman's Society, under the name of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Second Reformed Church of Bethlehem. I send by this mail fifty-three dollars for home and foreign missionary purposes, the result of four months' labor under our new *régime*. We hope we may continue wide awake in missions. Twenty dollars go to Home Missions, and thirty-three dollars to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America."

East Greenbush Reformed Church.—Secretary's report: "In presenting our second annual report, we feel that we have reason to be grateful for the success that has attended our efforts during the past year. Our Society has held regular meetings on the first Saturday of each month, with a single exception. Though the meetings have not all been as largely attended as we could have desired, yet the interest manifested by those present was very gratifying, and we have been led to believe that our efforts, though feeble, and our offerings, though small will be blessed of God. Our membership has increased to fifty-eight the past year. We are happy to state that our gifts to the cause have been considerably increased over those of last year. It has been decided that the money raised by the Society shall be used at the discretion of the Woman's Board. The Rev. Dr. Talmage preached, and addressed the Ladies' Society in this Church in the evening. His cheering reports of the work already accomplished in China, and his faithful presentation of the work which remains to be accomplished will, we trust, stimulate us to greater efforts in sending the Gospel to the destitute millions of that vast empire.

Mission Band, East Greenbush.—Having a desire to do something for the cause of missions, a few of the young ladies of the East

Greenbush Reformed Church met at the parsonage August 16, 1881, for the purpose of forming a "Band." Seven regular meetings have been held, and the number of members is now seventeen. Much interest prevails.

Hudson Reformed Church.—Secretary's report: "Again the season has come when for a few moments we pause and review the work of our Society for another year. A meeting has been held each month, with the exception of July and August, with an average attendance of twelve ladies. Devotional exercises and information regarding missionary subjects of different kinds, with social converse on the work, has formed the character of the meetings. Two letters have been received from India with the intelligence of little Annie at the Vellore Seminary, whose education we have assumed. We cannot report an increase of membership, but the special effort made last year, and which added so many to our list, will, in a measure, account for this, while the receipts of the treasury fall but little short of those of last year. Thus we have sought to contribute our "mite" to this great object; and though our work has been carried on quietly and with a small force, we feel assured that our efforts have not been in vain. The Woman's Board of our Church, as well as those of other denominations, is doing a noble work in sending forth those who carry light and gladness into the homes of our benighted sisters, and the demand for help is increasing each year. It is a work that only women can do. Shall we not put forth every effort to answer the eager cry of those who, having had a glimpse of the glorious light of the Gospel, desire to be led out into a fuller enjoyment of it?"

Caatsban Reformed Church.—The fourth annual report of this Society is presented as follows: "On this day, which completes the fourth year of our organization, we would look up to our Heavenly Father with gratitude that He has continued to our Society its usual life and activity, and permitted us to be co-workers with Him, so dear to our hearts. While we cannot record any large accessions to our membership, still there have been a few additions to our members. We cannot report any great or unusual work done for the Master by our Society, still we have perseveringly exerted our influence to forward the mission work, and in our sphere and station done what we could. Regular monthly meetings have been held, with one exception. At each of these both interesting and instruc-

tive mission letters and articles have been read, from which the Society has received help and encouragement. We enter upon our fifth year with hopefulness, and a firm resolve to make this year as prosperous as any which has preceded it, and more so, if possible.

“I dare not idle stand,
While upon every hand
The whitening fields proclaim the harvest near.
A gleaner I would be,
Gathering, dear Lord, for Thee,
Lest I at last with empty hands appear.”

Ghent First Reformed Church.—In April, 1881, this auxiliary organized with eleven members, now increased to thirty-eight. Regular monthly meetings have been held. The attendance shows growth and the meetings coming more and more to be looked forward to with interest and pleasure. While these are social and informal in their character, they have been kept true to the great object of the organization, viz.: the increase of interest in missionary work. Collections of money for missionary work has been secondary to the diffusing of missionary intelligence, and awakening a wider interest in the cause. The monthly dues are fixed at a small sum, so that none need feel excluded from becoming members.

Greenport Reformed Church.—The auxiliary in this Church was organized in June, 1878. The membership at present numbers sixty-seven. Regular monthly meetings have been held with a few exceptions, and although the attendance has not been as large as some had hoped, still the faithful ones feel that their work has not been in vain in the Lord. The earnest, united prayer is that all may be aroused to more faithful effort in the cause of missions, realizing that the promises are to the faithful workers in the vineyard, and not alone to the successful ones, and so far as we are faithful we shall expect God's blessing. Interesting letters have been received from Miss Witbeck and a photograph of the beneficiary supported by the Society.

Clover Hill Reformed Church.—The work in this Society has gone steadily forward, the meetings well sustained. The contributions are for the general fund of the Woman's Board. Faithful effort has characterized the work of this auxiliary from the first, and earnest effort is put forth to extend a knowledge of missions among the people.

Hopewell Junction Reformed Church.—This Society meets monthly at the parsonage, and these meetings are felt to be very interesting and instructive. As a number of the members live at a distance of three or four miles from the parsonage, it is, of course, almost impossible for them to attend always, but the ladies who live near by attend regularly. An interest in Foreign Missions is pervading the congregation.

Readington Reformed Church.—The membership in this auxiliary, the secretary writes, has not increased, owing to their not having canvassed the entire congregation subsequent to their yearly meeting as heretofore; nor has any special effort been made to increase of funds. The regular monthly dues have been cheerfully paid. In addition to this, liberal donations have been made by the members, who now number eighty.

Peapack Reformed Church.—This auxiliary, formed last year, with eight members, is now increased to thirty-four, and is in a prosperous condition. The Society enters upon a new year of work, hoping to report greater results at its close.

Middlebush Reformed Church.—This auxiliary celebrated its first anniversary April 4, 1882, with fifty-nine members. The contributions are divided between Domestic Missions and the Woman's Board.

New York—Faith Mission Band—Sixth Avenue Reformed Church.—This faithful band of workers for the cause of Foreign Missions held a fair in April, for which they had been preparing for some time. It proved a success in every way, realizing one hundred and thirty dollars from it. In December the "Band" held their fourth anniversary, so that they are now in their fifth year of labor for Christ. Last fall they received a letter from India, informing them of the marriage of the girl whom they had taken to support, so that their work for this pupil was ended; but at a meeting of the officers it was decided to take the maintenance of another child: so that they are still working for the same purpose. At present the "Band," which is composed of children, are making articles to fill a box to send to India. They still manifest a deep interest in their work. The young secretary writes: "God has been so good to us

in the year that is past, and prospered us; that we know He will be with us the coming year and bless all our efforts."

Belleville Reformed Church.—Monthly meetings have been held by this auxiliary during the year. At the annual meeting Dr. Talmage was present; and at a meeting of the auxiliary the Misses Talmage delighted the ladies with a description of their work among the women and girls at Amoy, especially of the school life. A larger number than usual were present, and the spirit of missions largely increased. The contributions are for our girls' schools.

Raritan Reformed Church, Illinois.—The secretary of this auxiliary writes: "The 'Manual of Missions' came to-day. It is indeed a beautiful book, and we thank the kind donor for remembering us with a book so instructive and entertaining. We will take much pleasure in reading and hearing it read at our meetings." The pastor writes: "We had our meeting February 5th. The weather being favorable, we had a full house. Our ladies have raised nearly forty dollars already, and will raise more before the year is ended. We expect to send the money for a native scholar to the Woman's Board, since Dr. Chamberlain has not been able to attend to selecting one for us. May God bless you and all connected with this work."

"North Branch Depot Mission Circle."—A band of seven girls are sustaining an interest in Foreign Missions in North Branch Depot which would do credit to older and more experienced persons. We do not usually mention sums raised, leaving that department of the work to the treasurer, but we cannot fail to take especial notice of the fact that these seven young persons have raised about seventy dollars the past year for our mission work. All honor to the heads and hearts of these lambs of the fold. May the Good Shepherd have them in His care and keeping and reward their labor of love for Him richly.

Bronxville Reformed Church.—It is now more than five years since the "Star of Hope" Mission Band was first organized. During that period there has been an increase of several members. In reviewing the work of the past year and seeing how the Band has increased numerically as well as financially, the members are encouraged to labor on in our missionary cause. The Society unite the

home and foreign work in their efforts, and, while supporting a beneficiary in foreign lands, hope also to maintain one at home. Twenty-one members are enrolled on the list of contributors. The secretary writes that, amid discouragements, they still feel like starting afresh, doing more for the Master, looking unto Him from whom cometh their help.

Yonkers Reformed Church.—The secretary, in reviewing the work of this Society, says: "It is surely fitting and healthful in the experience of a Society, as of an individual, that there should be an occasional pause for retrospect, in which the mistakes of the past may be made to contribute to the success of the future, when a recognition of help and guidance vouchsafed brings with it a renewal of strength for patient working in the days to come. We have observed the seventh anniversary of the formation of our Society, and it seems not inappropriate that we take a review of the septennial, which has just closed, gathering from it fresh courage to go on in our work, ardently hoping for greater and better achievements in the years which lie before us. In a little more than two months after the formation of the Woman's Board, twenty-two ladies met at the parsonage, and on the 16th of March formed the Yonkers Auxiliary, thus being one of the earliest Societies of the now large and steadily increasing number. The attention of the members was directed towards a specific object, and at the first meeting in April it was decided to support Ko Okada, an interesting Japanese girl, as assistant teacher in the Ferris Seminary, Yokohama, at a salary of about \$70 a year. Ko Okada was a beneficiary of the Society until the spring of 1879, when, at her marriage, and consequent withdrawal from the Seminary, her connection with the mission ceased. A native catechist, employed in the Arcot mission, was next chosen for support, which has been continued during the three remaining years of the seven we are recording.

"At the first meeting referred to above, in April, 1875, the support of a Bible reader, in India, was also assumed at a cost of thirty dollars annually, which has been repeated from year to year up to the present time. In addition to the regular contributions to which the Society is pledged, donations to other objects have from time to time been made. In 1876 an appropriation was made to the centennial fund for a home and school at Nagasaki. In April of last year, the sum required was given for the support of a pupil in the school, at

Madanapalle, India. The general fund of the Woman's Board has not been overlooked, and the *Mission Monthly* was distributed in the Church for two years at an expenditure to the Society of nearly twenty dollars.

"The fields of mission labor of the Reformed Church are, as is well known, the three great oriental countries of India, China, and Japan ; and although the interest of this auxiliary has been chiefly centred in India and Japan, yet China, has not been overlooked. A response was made to the appeal for a school-building at Kolongsu, and a donation made cheerfully to that object.

"The monthly meetings, with the usual attendance and number of membership, are about the same this year as the last. The financial pledges to the Woman's Board have been met promptly as usual. An interesting circumstance has been the receipt of a letter from our Bible Reader, Rebecca: a pleasant, encouraging letter, bringing kindly greetings to friends in America, showing a spirit of devotion in saving heathen women in her own land.

"This is but a very partial review of the work of seven years in our auxiliary.

"The future will be, with God's help and blessing, what we seek to make it.

"No eloquent words in praise of departed greatness, no lofty monument of granite or marble, no mural tablet, nor storied cathedral window, can be compared with the memorial of her, of whom it is said, 'She hath done what she could! only a little act of love and sympathy, yet how gracious, how exceedingly tender, the commendation of her Lord.'"

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and 29th Street, New York City.
Middle Collegiate Church, New York City.
North Collegiate Church, Fulton Street, New York City.
Union Reformed Church, Sixth Avenue, New York City.
Second Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.
Flatbush Reformed Church, Long Island, N. Y.
Yonkers Reformed Church, N. Y.
Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, L. I.
First Reformed Church, Hackensack, N. J.
North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.
Reformed Church of Lafayette, Jersey City, N. J.
First Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.
Owasco Outlet, Sand Beach Reformed Church, N. Y.
Fishkill Village Reformed Church, N. Y.
First Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.
Saugerties Reformed Church, N. Y.
Millbrook Reformed Church, N. Y.
South Bushwick Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.
Newburgh Reformed Church, N. Y.
South Reformed Church, Brooklyn, L. I.
Clinton Avenue Reformed Church, Newark, N. J.
Bergen Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.
Belleville Reformed Church, N. J.
Readington Reformed Church, N. J.
Nyack Reformed Church, N. Y.
Second Reformed Church, New Brunswick, N. J.
Bronxville Reformed Church, N. Y.
Utica Reformed Church, N. Y.
Upper Red Hook Reformed Church, N. Y.
Raritan Reformed Church, N. J.
Third Reformed Church, Jersey City, N. J.
Acquackanonck Reformed Church, Passaic, N. J.
Second Reformed Church, Freehold, N. J.
Bushnell Reformed Church, Illinois.

Wyckoff Reformed Church, N. J.
 Adams' Station Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Sayville Reformed Church, Long Island, N. Y.
 Brooklyn, E. D., Reformed Church, Williamsburgh, N. Y.
 Schenectady First Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Pella Second Reformed Church, N. J.
 Clover Hill Reformed Church, N. J.
 Hopewell Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Fonda Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Orange Reformed Church, N. J.
 Hudson Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Kingston Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
 New Hackensack Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Owasco Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Peekskill Reformed Church, N. Y.
 New Paltz Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Catsban Reformed Church, Saugerties, N. Y.
 Coxsackie First Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Brooklyn Twelfth Street Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Astoria Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Catskill Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Greenpoint Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Syracuse Reformed Church, N. Y.
 New Brunswick First Reformed Church, N. J.
 Passaic North Reformed Church, N. J.
 Athens Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Flushing Reformed Church, L. I.
 Tarrytown Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Glasco, Flatbush Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Mott Haven Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Piermont Reformed Church, N. Y.
 High Bridge Reformed Church, N. J.
 Schenectady Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Coxsackie Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Harlem Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Philadelphia First, Second, and Third Reformed Churches, Pa.
 Constantine Reformed Church, Mich.
 New York City, 34th Street Reformed Church.
 Holland Reformed Church, Mich.
 East Greenbush Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Greenville Reformed Church, N. J.
 Paterson First Reformed Church, N. J.
 Niskayuna Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Lisha's Kill Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Canajohaire Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Warwick Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Middleburgh Reformed Church, N. Y.

Gravesend Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Montville Reformed Church, N. J.
 Collegiate, 5th Avenue and 48th Street Reformed Church, N. Y. City.
 Boonton Reformed Church, N. J.
 Ghent First Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Middlebush Reformed Church, N. J.
 Peapack Reformed Church, N. J.
 Jersey City First Reformed Church, N. J.
 Jersey City, South Bergen Reformed Church, N. J.
 North Branch Reformed Church, N. J.
 Raritan Reformed Church, Ill.
 Boght Reformed Church, N. Y.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Spring Valley Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Poughkeepsie First Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Poughkeepsie Second Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Pattersonville Reformed Church, N. Y.
 New Utrecht Reformed Church, L. I.
 Greenpoint Reformed Church, L. I.
 Fairfield Reformed Church, N. J.
 Stuyvesant Falls Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Schraalenburgh Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Mount Vernon Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Chatham Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Colt's Neck Reformed Church, N. J.
 Leeds Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Nassau Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Irving Park Reformed Church, Illinois.
 Zeeland Reformed Church, Michigan.
 Shokan Reformed Church, N. Y.
 Plainfield Reformed Church, N. J.

NEW MISSION BANDS.

Brinckerhoff Mission Band, Fishkill Village, N. Y.
 East Greenbush Mission Band, N. Y. 20.

Total number of auxiliaries, including Mission Bands, 129

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER
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RECEIPTS.

May 1st, 1881. Balance on hand,	\$3,893 54
Acquackanonck Auxiliary for Mrs. Scudder and school at Amoy, China,	274 19
Albany, Second Reformed, from a few ladies,	71 00
Astoria, Young Men's Bible Class to make their pastor a life member	\$25 00
Auxiliary, same Church,	60 00
	----- 85 00
Bergen, Jersey City Heights Auxiliary for Yokohama, Vellore, Chittoor, and general use of the So- ciety,	225 55
Nellie Amerman, Mission Circle, in the same Church,	16 18
	----- 241 73
Bergen, South Auxiliary,	9 25
Brooklyn, L. I., Auxiliary in South Reformed, for girl, Emily, at Chittoor,	30 00
First Reformed, Bedford Ave., Auxiliary for schools in Arcot Mission,	172 34
Church on the Heights Auxiliary towards Ferris Seminary,	152 00
Twelfth St. Church Auxiliary for native helper in India,	60 00

Belleville, N. J., Auxiliary,	\$34 00	
Boonton, N. J., Auxiliary,	100 00	
Bushnell, Ill., Auxiliary,	35 00	
Bushwick, South,	50 00	
Bronxville Star of Hope Mission Band, for girl in school at Amoy,	60 00	
Bethlehem, Second Reformed, Auxiliary,	33 00	
Caatsban Auxiliary,	\$86 17	
Sabbath-school in same Church, for Ferris Seminary,	61 00	
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Catskill Auxiliary,		74 40
Canajoharie, Auxiliary for Chittoor,		40 00
Clover Hill Auxiliary,		32 00
Coxsackie, Auxiliary in First Reformed, for Chittoor, Auxiliary in Second Reformed,		40 00 48 00
Constantine, Mich., Auxiliary,	\$33 30	
" " Bright Evergreens,	11 00	
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Centreville, Mich., Auxiliary,		10 00
Cohoes Auxiliary,		20 00
East Greenbush, N. Y., Auxiliary,	45 78	
" " Mission Band,	8 82	
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Flatbush, L. I., Auxiliary,		169 00
Flatbush, Ulster Co., Auxiliary,		12 85
Fairfield, N. J., Auxiliary,		15 00
Fonda, N. Y., Auxiliary,		114 66
Flushing, L. I., Auxiliary,	29 00	
" " Sabbath School for a girl in Ferris Seminary,	25 00	
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Fishkill, N. Y., Auxiliary for a native teacher in India, Brinckerhoff Mission Band,	60 00	
Freehold, N. J., Auxiliary in Second Reformed, for educating a girl in Ferris Seminary,	65 00	
Ghent, N. Y., Auxiliary,	73 10	
Greenpoint, L. I., Auxiliary,	20 00	
Gravesend Auxiliary for Dr. Chamberlain's school,	20 00	
Greenville, N. J., for Bible readers at Amoy,	60 00	
Greenport, N. Y., Red Hill Chapel for Caste girl's school at Vellore,	111 85	
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Greenport, N. Y., Auxiliary for Ferris Seminary,	40 00	
Mission Circle, "Workers for Jesus,"	5 00	
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Gayhead Sabbath School, Stormville,		17 03

Hackensack, N. J., for support of pupil in Ferris Seminary, and general use,	\$200 00
Hudson, Auxiliary for support of girl in India,	103 00
Hampton, North and South, Auxiliary for Ferris Seminary,	18 00
High Bridge Auxiliary,	34 75
Holland, Mich., Auxiliary for school at Amoy,	20 00
" " Woman's Missionary Society,	110 00
Harlem, 121st St., Auxiliary for general use,	73 00
Hopewell, a few ladies, for a pupil at Amoy,	20 00
Harlem, a few young ladies, for a girl in Chittoor, for three years' support,	114 00
Irving Park, Ill., Merry Mission Band,	20 00
Jamaica, L. I.,	56 55
Jersey City, Auxiliary in First Reformed Church,	20 00
" " " " Second Reformed, for pupils in school at Amoy,	\$130 75
Farrington Circle in same Church, for Madanapalle,	10 00
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Jersey City, Auxiliary in Park Reformed Church, for a girl in school at Amoy,	45 25
Jersey City, Auxiliary in Lafayette Reformed Church,	100 00
Kingston Auxiliary,	40 00
Kalamazoo Auxiliary,	50 00
Lisha's Kill Auxiliary,	15 00
Leeds Auxiliary,	15 00
Moutville, Auxiliary towards Mr. Conkling's salary,	84 00
Mott Haven, Auxiliary for Students in Vellore,	70 00
Middlebush, N. J., Auxiliary,	20 00
Middleburgh, N. Y., Auxiliary,	15 10
" " Mission Band in the same Church,	10 50
Millstone, N. J., for two Bible readers under Dr. Chamberlain,	50 00
North Branch, N. J., Auxiliary for Caste girl's school in India,	71 65
Nyack, N. Y., Auxiliary,	152 56
Niskayuna Auxiliary,	52 25
New Paltz Auxiliary,	79 75
Newburgh Auxiliary, for Chittoor and general use,	47 20
New Hackensack, N. Y., Auxiliary,	100 00
New Brunswick, N. J., Auxiliary, First Reformed,	56 13
" " " " Second "	90 00
Individual donations for a native teacher,	60 00
Sabbath School for a teacher and two pupils,	120 00
In memoriam of Miss Ellie M. Addis,	50 00
Mrs. D. O. Vail, for a teacher,	120 00
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	440 00

Newark, N. J., Auxiliary in First Reformed,	\$114 00
“ “ “ “ Clinton Ave.,	100 00
“ “ Infant Class, North Reformed,	50 00
Newark, N. J., Birthday thankoffering,	2 00
New York City, 34th Street Church, Auxiliary	66 49
“ Sixth Ave. Reformed Church, Ferris Auxiliary for Nagasaki,	\$100 00
Faith Mission Band for girl, Emma Lawrence,	31 00
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NEW YORK CITY COLLEGIATE CHURCHES.

Fifth Ave. and 48th Street, Auxiliary for Madanapalle, and general use,	416 50
Mrs. S. H. M., in memoriam, for teacher in India,	50 00
Mrs. S. H. M., for pupil in Japan,	80 00
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Sabbath-school in same church, for two girls at Amoy, China,	50 00
Fifth Ave. and 29th Street Church, Auxiliary,	372 00
Mrs. Jonathan Sturges, to be divided among the three missions,	1,000 00
Miss Josephine Penfold, of the same church, for Head Master at Chittoor,	120 00
Fourth Street Collegiate Church, towards Miss Talmage's salary,	100 00
North Dutch Fulton Street Church, for native teacher and general use,	105 20
New Utrecht, Long Island,	100 00
Orange, N. J., Auxiliary in First Reformed,	100 00
Oakdale or Sayville, L. I.,	6 00
Owasco Outlet, N. Y.,	23 00
Piermont, N. J., Auxiliary,	25 00
Peapack, N. J., Auxiliary,	43 60
Paramus, N. J., Auxiliary,	20 08
Poughkeepsie, Auxiliary in the Second Reformed Church,	75 00
Paterson, N. J., Auxiliary in First Holland Reformed,	22 96
Passaic, N. J., Auxiliary in North Reformed for salary of Rev. John W. Conklin,	55 86
Conklin's Mission Band, for same object,	25 00
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Paterson, N. J., Auxiliary in First Reformed for salary of Rev. John W. Conklin,	146 00
Sabbath-school for the same object,	30 00
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Philadelphia, Auxiliary in First Reformed, . . .	\$110 25	
Sabbath-school, First Reformed, . . .	10 00	
Auxiliary in Second Reformed, . . .	85 00	
Sabbath-school, Second Reformed, . . .	60 00	
Auxiliary in Third Reformed, . . .	23 00	
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		\$288 25
Rotterdam, N. Y., Auxiliary in First Reformed, . . .		60 00
Raritan, Ill., Auxiliary for Amoy, . . .		30 00
Raritan, N. J., Auxiliary for Rev. Mr. Wyckoff and general fund, . . .		100 00
Rhinebeck Auxiliary, . . .		25 00
Readington, Auxiliary X. Y. membership, . . .	85 00	
For the Nagasaki Mission, . . .	15 00	
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		100 00
Shandaken, N. Y., Auxiliary, . . .		15 00
Shokan, N. Y., Auxiliary, . . .		27 00
Syracuse, N. Y., Auxiliary in Reformed Church, . . .	100 00	
The "Penny-a-week Society," . . .	40 00	
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		140 00
Schenectady, Auxiliary in First Reformed, . . .		75 00
Auxiliary in Second Reformed, . . .		30 00
Schraalenburgh, Auxiliary in North Reformed, . . .		30 00
Saugerties, Auxiliary, . . .		79 13
Sabbath-school, . . .		20 00
Spring Valley, N. Y., Auxiliary, . . .		38 75
Stuyvesant Falls, Auxiliary, . . .		10 00
Tarrytown, Auxiliary in Second Reformed, for Cate- chist under Rev. Mr. Wyckoff, . . .		180 00
Utica, Auxiliary for girl at Chittoor, . . .		183 00
Unionville, Bright Hope Mission Circle, . . .		20 00
Upper Red Hook, Willing Workers' Mission Band, . . .	41 63	
Scudder Memorial, . . .	75 34	
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		116 97
Wyckoff, N. J., Auxiliary, . . .		24 00
Vriesland, Mich., Work and Play Band, . . .		12 12
Warwick, Auxiliary for Chittoor, . . .		34 00
Yonkers, Auxiliary for Bible reader and pupil at Mad- anapalle, . . .		120 00
Zeeland, Mich., Auxiliary, . . .	98 84	
Sewing Circle, . . .	36 39	
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		135 23
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		\$14,396 49

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Z., . . .	\$80 00
Savings of little Martha Walker, deceased, . . .	4 25
Mrs. Walker, in memoriam of little Martha, . . .	10 00

Mrs. S. E. Le Fevre, of Poughkeepsie,	\$25 00
Miss Esther Thorn,	5 00
Miss Mary Thorn,	5 00
Mrs. M. A. Gevan,	10 00
Mrs. T. Jessup,	5 00
Mrs. W. H. Jackson,	5 00
A. Friend,	40 00
Celinda Smith,	1 00
Mrs. T. R. Beck, Holland, Mich.,	5 00
Miss J. A. V. A.,	10 00
Mrs. A. A. Raven,	26 00
Mrs. E. B. Polhemus,	5 00
Miss J. H. Polhemus,	15 00
Miss W. W. Polhemus,	5 00
Mrs. R. H. Veghte	5 00
Mrs. Charles Van Wyck	5 00
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	\$266 25
	14,396 49
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Interest on Nagasaki Fund, May 1, 1882,	14,662 74
	146 20
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Total disbursements,	14,808 94
	8,077 51
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Balance,	\$6,731 43
Nagasaki balance,	2,137 69
General "	4,593 74
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	\$6,731 43

The undersigned, having examined the foregoing account and compared the vouchers, finds the same to be correct, and that the balance in the Treasury is six thousand seven hundred and thirty-one 43-100 dollars, of which two thousand one hundred and thirty-seven 69-100 dollars belongs to the Nagasaki Fund.

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS.

April 26, 1882.

DISBURSEMENTS.

1881.

June 1, G. G. Smith,	\$38 00
" 20, " "	77 75
" 23, " "	25 00
" 23, " "	1,600 00
" 27, " "	72 25
" 28, " "	50 00

Aug. 3,	G. G. Smith,									\$124 85
" 8,	" "									30 00
" 25,	" "									20 00
Sept. 27,	" "									17 00
Oct. 14,	" "									210 00
" 22,	" "									61 18
" 29,	" "									116 50
Nov. 9,	" "									30 00
" 14,	" "									109 00
" 19,	" "									157 00
Dec. 1,	" "									20 00
" 3,	" "									1 00
" 8,	" "									30 00
" 17,	" "									1,000 00
" 17,	" "									177 00
" 24,	" "									100 00

1882.

Jan. 5,	" "									40 00
" 12,	" "									193 00
" 16,	" "									50 00
" 16,	" "									45 00
" 20,	" "									104 75
" 25,	" "									50 00
Feb. —,	" "									60 00
" 14,	" "									98 00
" 18,	" "									60 00
Mch. 13,	" "									67 00
" 15,	" "									889 58
" 18,	" "									100 00
Apr. 7,	" "									533 86
" 8,	" "									208 34
" 10,	" "									170 85
" 12,	" "									150 00
" 15,	" "									224 00

\$7.110 91

1881.

May 23,	Rev. J. M. Ferris, D.D.,	Corresponding Sec'y,	\$30 00
" 23,	" "	" "	4 25
" 23,	" "	" "	40 00
June 1,	" "	" "	120 00
" 22,	" "	" "	51 47
Sept. 7,	" "	" "	150 00
" 24,	" "	" "	8 90

1882.

Jan. 11,	" "	" "	61 25
" 11,	" "	" "	100 00

Jan. 20,	Rev. J. M. Ferris, D.D., Corresponding Sec'y,	\$32 02	
Feb. 16,	" " " " " "	25 00	
" 16,	" " " " " "	10 00	
Mch. 14,	" " " " " "	7 33	
Apr. 25,	" " " " " "	24 00	
			<hr/> \$664 22
June 2,	R. Brinkerhoff, for reports, etc., . . .	239 66	
Nov. —,	" " " postal cards and leaflets	15 20	
	" " " stationery, tracts, etc.,	20 17	
" 8,	Mrs. M. E. Sangster, postage on certificates,	19 35	
	Postage and stationery,	8 00	302 38
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	Total disbursements,		\$8,077 51

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be called the "Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America," and its central point of operations shall be in the City of New York.

ART. 2. Its object shall be to aid the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, by promoting its work among the women and children of heathen lands; and for this purpose it shall receive and disburse all money which shall be contributed to this society, subject to the approval of the Board, in the appointment of missionaries supported by this Association, and in fixing their locations and salaries. To the furtherance of this end, it shall also endeavor to organize similar associations in all Reformed Churches, and these associations shall bear the name of Auxiliary Societies to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, and shall report their work to this Board at such times as the By-Laws may direct.

ART. 3. Each person paying one dollar annually, through an Auxiliary, or directly to the treasury, shall become a member of this Association. The payment of twenty-five dollars by one person, at one time, shall constitute a Life Membership.

ART. 4. The business of this Board shall be conducted by thirty Managers, each of whom shall be a member of an Auxiliary society. They shall be elected annually by the members of the Board, who may be present at the annual meeting; and shall organize on the first Tuesday after their election, by selecting from their number a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, two or more Corresponding Secretaries, and a Treasurer. They shall have power to elect not more than twelve honorary Vice-Presidents, and to appoint corresponding members, when the object of the Board can be promoted thereby; they shall also have authority to fill vacancies occurring in their body during the year.

ART. 5. There shall be an Executive Committee, composed of the officers and two other Managers, to be elected annually. This committee shall have power to transact such business as may require attention in the intervals

between the stated meetings of the Managers. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 6. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held on the second Tuesday in May, in the City of New York, at which time the Managers shall report to the Association the operations, conditions, and prospects thereof; and an election shall be made of Managers for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. A special meeting of the Board may be called at any time by the President, upon the request of the Managers.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting of the Board, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of the intended alteration having been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. The Managers shall hold their stated meetings on the second Tuesday of February, May, August, and November, at eleven o'clock, A.M., at such place as they shall appoint. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings may be called by the President, upon the request of five members.

ART. 2. The Executive Committee shall meet once a month, at such time and place as the Committee shall decide.

ART. 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and of the Managers, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and perform such other duties as are incident to the office, and shall sign all drafts upon the treasury before they are paid.

ART. 4. A Vice-President shall perform, in the absence of the President, all the duties of her office. The Honorary Vice-Presidents shall have all the privileges of Corresponding Members.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and hold, and keep an account of all money given to the Board, and shall disburse it as the Managers shall direct. She shall report the state of the treasury at each regular meeting of the Executive Committee, and make a quarterly report to the Managers. Her annual report shall be examined by an auditor appointed by the Managers.

ART. 6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a full record of the proceedings of the Executive Committee and Managers, which shall be read for

correction at the close of each meeting, and she shall give proper notice of special and stated meetings.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretaries for the foreign field to conduct the business of this Board with the Board of Foreign Missions, and also with the Missionaries, Teachers, and Bible-readers supported by this Association. They shall prepare the annual report of the Managers; and Missionaries supported by this Association shall report to them.

ART. 8. The Corresponding Secretaries for the home field shall correspond with the churches, and propose the organization of Auxiliary societies, wherever it is possible to awaken an interest in the work for which this Association is formed.

ART. 9. Auxiliary societies shall be required to make an annual report to the Managers, through the Corresponding Secretaries, on or before the first Tuesday in April.

ART. 10. Any Manager who shall be absent from three successive meetings, without giving notice of the reason of her absence, shall forfeit her position, and her place may be filled.

ART. 11. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Managers, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; but notice of the proposed amendment must be given in writing at the meeting preceding such vote.

The following Constitutions are recommended for adoption. They can be modified and adapted to the circumstances of different localities:

CONSTITUTION
FOR
AUXILIARIES
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called _____ of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

ART. 2. Its objects shall be to aid the Board in sending out and maintaining Female Missionaries, Bible-readers, and Teachers, who shall work among heathen women and children.

ART. 3. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of _____ annually.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

ART. 5. The duty of these officers shall be as follows:—

The President shall preside at all meetings, and have a general oversight of the work of the Society.

The Secretary shall give notice of meetings, shall record the minutes of each session, and shall prepare the Annual Report. It shall also be her duty to transmit to the Woman's Board the names of the officers of this Auxiliary, a report of its proceedings and condition, whenever necessary, and the Annual Report with that of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall report the state of the Treasury at every meeting, and shall remit the funds obtained, at least once a year, *on or before the tenth day of April*, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board.

ART. 6. This Society shall hold regular meetings on the —, and an annual meeting on the —, to receive and adopt the Annual Report, and to elect officers.

DIRECTIONS FOR FORMING MISSION BANDS.

1. An association of young ladies, formed to aid the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, shall be called a "Mission Band," and shall be Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church in which it is formed, or to the Woman's Board.

2. Each Band shall be responsible for at least \$20 each year.

3. Any young lady may become a member of a Mission Band by the payment of twenty-five cents yearly.

4. The officers of a Band shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings, and shall have a general oversight of the work of the Band. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Band, and shall make an Annual Report to the Society to which it is auxiliary, or to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all sums contributed, paying the same, at least once a year, to the Treasurer of the Auxiliary of the Church in which the Band is formed, or to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church.

6. Each Mission Band must select an appropriate name, not already in use, and report the same to the Society to which its money is sent.

MISSION CIRCLES OF CHILDREN.

1. An association of children, remitting yearly not less than five dollars to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, shall constitute a "Mission Circle."

2. Each Circle shall be designated by an appropriate name, and shall appoint a Secretary and Treasurer, to whom due acknowledgment can be returned by the Woman's Board.

Or, if preferred, the following can be adopted:

PLEDGE FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

"We desire to help in sending the Gospel to heathen children, that they may hear of Christ, who died to save them. We promise to give one cent a week to the Missionary Box, and to come together once a month to hear about Missions, and to work for the cause."

FORM OF DEVISE. (Real Estate.)

I give and devise to *The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America*, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, all that certain [here insert a short description of the property devised] with the appurtenances, in fee simple, in trust, to be appropriated and applied, with full powers of sale or mortgage, for the use and benefit of *The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America*, located in the City of New York.

RATES OF POSTAGE.

On Letters, for each Half Ounce.

To India, via Brindisi, - - - - -	5 cents
" " " Southampton, - - - - -	5 "
" China, via San Francisco, - - - - -	5 "
" Japan, " " " - - - - -	5 "

On Newspapers, for each Four Ounces.

To India, via Brindisi, - - - - -	2 cents
" Amoy, China, via San Francisco, - - - - -	2 "
" Japan, via San Francisco, - - - - -	2 "

On Pamphlets, Books, etc.

To India, via Brindisi, for each two ounces, - - -	1 cent
" Amoy, China, via San Francisco, each two ounces, -	1 "
" Japan, via San Francisco, for each two ounces, -	1 "

On Packages.

To India, via Brindisi, on each two ounces, - - -	1 cen
" Amoy, China, via San Francisco, each two ounces -	1 "
" Japan, via San Francisco, on each two ounces, -	1 "

